

Viet Nam



Joined Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement: January 2014

National multi-stakeholder platform for nutrition: Nutrition Technical Working Group (Ministry of Health)

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COUNTRY NUTRITION STATUS

→ Annual country nutrition indicators from the Global Nutrition Report:

<https://globalnutritionreport.org/resources/nutrition-profiles/asia/south-eastern-asia/viet-nam>

● National multi-stakeholder platform (MSP)

Date established: 2014

- MSP annual action plan exists

● Subnational nutrition coordination mechanism

- Subnational MSPs exist
- Subnational MSPs have annual action plans

● National nutrition plan

National Plan of Action for Nutrition (2022–2025)

● Advocacy and communications framework/plan

SUN networks in-country presence

- SUN Civil Society Network
- SUN Business Network
- UN Nutrition
- SUN Academia Network
- SUN Donor Network
- Others: e.g. youth, parliamentarian, media

Finance for nutrition

- Resource mobilization strategy exists
- Budget tracking exercise done this year
- Funding gaps identified this year
- Domestic expenditures on nutrition tracked

● Yes ● In process ● No ● Costed ● M&E framework

COUNTRY PRIORITIES 2022

- Developing the Plan of Action for Nutrition 2022–2025 at the national and subnational levels.
- Developing policy and ensuring financial advocacy.
- Building capacity at the subnational level and for various sectors.

2021 SHARED COUNTRY GOOD PRACTICE

Topic: Creating an enabling environment

Title: Sustainable food and health systems

About: Maternal, infant and young child nutrition affects Viet Nam's families, communities and economy. Recognizing that accelerated global actions are needed, the 2012 World Health Assembly resolution set ambitious nutrition targets for 2025. In comparison to its neighbours, Viet Nam is progressing well.

Compendium of Skilled Breastfeeding Counselling Case Studies – <https://www.globalbreastfeedingcollective.org/media/1596/file/Compendium%20of%20Skilled%20Breastfeeding%20Counselling%20Case%20Studies.pdf>

Viet Nam's national nutrition strategy for 2021–2030: More equitable, resilient, and sustainable food and health systems – <https://scalingupnutrition.org/news/viet-nams-national-nutrition-strategy-for-2021-2030-more-equitable-resilient-and-sustainable-food-and-health-systems/>

Outcome story: SUN CSA Viet Nam: Working for equitable, resilient, and sustainable food and health systems – <https://www.suncivilsociety.com/resources/sun-csa-viet-nam-working-for-equitable-resilient-and-sustainable-food-and-health-systems/>

PROGRESS TOWARDS

SUN 3.0 STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES (SO)

→ SO.1 Strengthen and sustain strong policy and advocacy environments

Viet Nam has a Nutrition Technical Working Group (Ministry of Health) for the implementation of the National Nutrition Strategy. In-person and virtual meetings were held regularly to review the strategy's national nutrition targets. Based on these reviews, undernutrition reduction (underweight, stunting, low birth weight) targets are on track to being achieved, but disparities exist among regions and ethnic groups. Overweight and micronutrition targets are not on track to being achieved so more focus will be needed in the coming years. The review meetings included participants from many sectors and development partners who actively contributed to reach a final consensus on the way forward.

→ SO.2 Develop and align shared country priorities for action

The National Institute of Nutrition is in charge of nutrition activities at the central level, together with the Preventive Medicine Department and Maternal and Child Health Department of the Ministry of Health. At the subnational level, nutrition is assigned to the provincial centres for disease control, district health centres and community health clubs. At the grass-roots level, village health workers implement community nutrition activities. All stakeholders support the Government with implementing nutrition interventions.

→ SO.3 Build and strengthen country capacity

The Government approved the National Nutrition Strategy 2021–2030 and assigned tasks to different stakeholders. Other international agencies and civil society organizations in the MSP generally support the Common Results Framework. The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and SUN Civil Society Alliance have greatly contributed to supporting the Government in accelerating nutrition progress, especially the development of the National Nutrition Strategy, the Government's Nutrition for Growth (N4G) commitment, nutrition within the food system and nutrition in emergencies (e.g. natural disasters, the COVID-19 pandemic).

→ SO.4 Ensure governance of SUN that promotes country leadership and responsibilities of government, aligns the resources of all SUN Movement stakeholders behind country priorities and strengthens 360 mutual accountability

The Prime Minister has developed and ratified the National Nutrition Strategy 2021–2030 and vision to 2045 to address the country's triple burden of malnutrition, based on a situation analysis and global targets. The strategy prioritizes vulnerable groups, emphasizes the importance of governance and multisectoral coordination at the central and subnational levels and for the first time has set up a budgetary indicator to cover nutrition interventions. MSPs are aligned with the Government to provide support.